

What is claimed is:

Sub A. 1. A space-dividing wall panel assembly comprising:  
an open frame defined by a pair of upright and laterally-spaced vertically elongate support members which are rigidly connected to one another by vertically spaced cross members extending laterally between said support members;

a pair of cover members disposed in opposed relation with one another so as to overlie open areas of said frame between said support members, said cover members defining vertical side surfaces of said wall panel assembly;

an elongate top cap positioned longitudinally along an upper one of said cross members, said top cap having an upper portion which defines therein a longitudinally extending and outwardly opening groove and a lower portion which projects downwardly between upper edges of the opposed cover members and for removable securement to said upper cross member; and

a bracket slidably engaged within said groove of said top cap.

Sub B. 2. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein said groove is T-shaped in transverse cross section.

3. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein an upper end of said bracket is engaged within said groove and said bracket has a lower end in supportive engagement with a lower one of said cross members, said bracket overlying a portion of said vertical side surface of a respective cover member and mounting thereon a furniture component.

4. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 including a mounting member which engages said lower portion of said

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top cap and clampingly engages said upper cross member from opposite outwardly facing sides thereof.

X *Sub 2* 5. The wall panel assembly of Claim 4 wherein said lower portion of said top cap member defines first and second flanges which project outwardly towards opposite sides of said panel assembly, said mounting member including a pair of opposed clamps disposed on opposite outwardly facing sides of said upper cross member and defining respective channels which open inwardly and toward one another, said first and second flanges each being engaged within the respective channels.

X 6. The wall panel assembly of Claim 5 wherein an elongate fastener extends through each said clamp and is adjustable to move said clamps toward one another to fixedly secure said top cap member to said upper cross member, and away from one another to release said top cap member from said upper cross member.

✓ 7. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein said upper portion of said top cap member defines a generally hollow interior, and said lower portion projects downwardly from a bottom wall of said upper portion for engagement with said upper cross member.

*Sub B* 8. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 further including a furniture component mounted on said bracket.

9. The wall panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein said bracket is an upper bracket and said panel assembly further includes a lower elongate mounting rail secured to said panel assembly along a lower edge thereof and defining a longitudinally extending and sidewardly opening groove therein, a lower bracket slidably engaged within said groove of said mounting rail, and a connector post having an upper end secured to said upper bracket and a lower end connected to said lower bracket for

mounting a return wall in transverse relation to said wall panel assembly.

10. In a wall panel arrangement having a frame defined by a plurality of upright and laterally spaced posts which are interconnected to one another by transversely extending frame members, said wall panel arrangement further including a plurality of cover members mounted on said frame between adjacent pairs of said posts and defining vertically oriented side surfaces, and an elongate top cap extending along an upper longitudinal edge of said frame, comprising the improvement wherein said top cap is removably mounted to an upper one of said frame members by a mounting member which engages a lower portion of said top cap and clampingly engages said upper frame member from opposite sides thereof, said top cap defining a longitudinal groove therein which opens upwardly, and a hanger having an upper end slidably engaged within said groove of said top cap and being suspendingly supported therefrom, said hanger overlying a portion of one of said cover members and mounting a furniture component thereon.

11. The wall panel arrangement of Claim 10 wherein said groove of said top cap has an inverted T-shaped cross section.

12. The wall panel arrangement of Claim 11 wherein said lower portion of said top cap defines a pair of mounting flanges which engage within respective channels defined within said mounting member.

13. The wall panel arrangement of Claim 10 wherein said mounting member includes a pair of clamps disposed in opposed relation with one another, each said clamp having a lower portion which overlies an upright side wall of said upper frame member and an upper portion

which engages said lower portion of said top cap, said clamps being adjustable relative to one another in a first direction wherein said clamps are movable toward one another and into engagement with said top cap, and a second direction wherein said clamps are movable away from one another so as to disengage from said top cap member and permit removal of same.

14. The wall panel arrangement of Claim 10 wherein said top cap has an upper portion defining said groove therein, said upper portion includes a wall structure which defines a hollow interior, and said lower portion includes a pair of mounting flanges which project downwardly from a bottom wall of said upper portion and engage within respective channels defined within said mounting member.

15. A space-dividing wall panel assembly comprising:

a frame defined by a pair of upright elongate structural members each having a lower end disposed in supportive engagement with a floor, and a plurality of elongate frame members extending transversely between and interconnecting said structural members;

upper and lower panel members overlying said frame and each being defined by spaced-apart upwardly extending opposite ends and upper and lower edges extending laterally between said opposite ends, each said panel member additionally including outwardly facing side surfaces disposed between said opposite ends;

an elongate top cap positioned longitudinally along an upper one of said frame members, said top cap having an upper wall structure defining an upwardly-opening T-shaped groove therein, and a lower mounting part which

projects downwardly from said upper wall structure and is clampingly engaged with said upper frame member;

an elongate bracket having an upper hook-shaped end slidably engaged within said groove of said top cap and a lower end defining a flange thereon, said flange projecting inwardly between said lower edge of said upper panel and said upper edge of said lower panel and supportingly engaging a lower one of said frame members; and

a office-type accessory mounted on said bracket.

16. The wall panel assembly of Claim 15 wherein said flange is a first flange, and said bracket further includes a sidewardly projecting tab which engages within a recess defined in a rear wall of said accessory, and a second flange which projects outwardly and is disposed in supportive engagement with a lower wall of said accessory.

sub 4/17. The wall panel assembly of Claim 15 wherein said lower frame member defines therein at least one horizontally extending and sidewardly opening elongate groove, said flange of said bracket having a free end which engages within said groove of said frame member.

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